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FACT SHEET

CORRECTION TO EPA'S FINAL AIR TOXICS RULE FOR PULP AND PAPER COMBUSTION SOURCES

TODAY'S ACTION

- ! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking action to correct the final rule to reduce emissions of toxic air pollutants from pulp and paper combustion sources that was published in the Federal Register on January 12, 2001.

- ! Today's action corrects:
 - ! Compliance dates for affected existing and new sources;
 - ! The applicability of the performance test requirements and test methods to new sources;
 - ! The equation used to determine the oxygen correction factor when conducting performance tests.

BACKGROUND

- ! Chemical recovery combustion systems at pulp mills process and recover the chemicals used to convert wood into pulp. The EPA's January 12, 2001 rule reduces emissions of toxic air pollutants also known as air toxics, by 2700 tons annually. This is a 12 percent reduction from 1997 level. Air toxics are those pollutants known or suspected of causing cancer or other serious health effects (e.g., reproductive effects or birth defects).

BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF THE CORRECTION

- ! Today's technical correction will not change the emission reductions or other environmental impacts of the final rule as issued in January 2001.

- ! The correction does not change the regulatory burden on the pulp and paper industry.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- ! Interested parties can download today's technical correction from EPA's web site on the Internet under recent actions at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/>. For further information on today's technical correction, contact Mr. Jeff Telander of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5427.

- ! EPA's Office of Air and Radiation's homepage on the Internet contains a wide range of

information on the air toxics program, as well as many other air pollution programs and issues.
The Office of Air and Radiation's home page address is: <http://www.epa.gov/oar/>.